8 - 12 June, Hamburg (Germany)

STUDY VISIT IN THE FIELD OF RESIDENTIAL CARE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

ERASMUS+ MOBILITY PROJECT FOR YOUTH WORKERS

The Study visit in the field of residential care for young people is an initiative funded by the Erasmus+ Programme-Mobility Project for Youth Workers and involving 3 partner organizations from Austria, Germany and Spain working in the provision of care services for young people. The study visit was hosted by the German organization FÜR SOZIALES | S&S gemeinnützige Gesellschaft für Soziales mbH based in Hamburg and had a duration of 5 days (8-12 June 2015).

5 youth workers from each of the 3 partner organization gathered in Hamburg to visit different services managed by FÜR SOZIALES. A total of 15 participants had the opportunity to visit a wide range of care services, exchange knowledge and engage in fruitful discussions. In addition a cultural and leisure programme was arrange to strengthen the links among participants and the organizations.

The programme and activities developed during the visit were found very interesting by the participants. New knowledge was acquired that was disseminated among the organizations after the return of participants. To learn new methodologies and care practices will not only improve the performance of the workers but will contribute to enhance the quality of services provided by the organizations.

A PARTNERSHIP AMONG 3 ORGANIZATIONS

The project was developed by the following 3 partner organizations:

- Fundació Plataforma Educativa (Spain)
  www.plataformaeducativa.org
- Bundesverband Therapeutischen Gemeinschaften (Austria)
  http://www.t-gemeinschaften.org/index.php/de
- FÜR SOZIALES | S&S gemeinnützige Gesellschaft für Soziales mbH
  https://www.fuersoziales.de/

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OBJETIVES

- To share information and experiences (good practices) among workers to acquire new knowledge and resources to improve the provision of services to young people in care
- To increase networking among the three partner organizations
- To identify new opportunities for cooperation among the three partner organizations involved in the project.

ACTIVITIES

The mobility included visits to the following services:

1. A residential care service for children and their parents:
2. A residential therapeutic service:
3. A residential service for unaccompanied minor refugees
4. A special education model to fight the high rate of school failure among young people in care.
5. A service providing networking and social support for young people and their families.

Participants gathered in groups to visit the different facilities and engaged in fruitful debates and discussions to exchange knowledge and good practices in the different fields. In addition a cultural and leisure programme was arrange to strengthen the links among participants and the organizations.

RESULTS

- Learning of new methods to provide support services to young people in care.
- New ways of cooperation and team management among workers.
- Knowledge of the German culture and communication in a multicultural environment.
- Creation of synergies for future collaborations between the partner organizations.

WHAT IS ERASMUS +?

Erasmus+ is the EU Programme in the fields of education, training, youth and sport for the period 2014-2020.

The Erasmus+ programme aims to boost skills and employability, as well as modernising Education, Training, and Youth work. The seven year programme will have a budget of €14.7 billion; a 40% increase compared to current spending levels, reflecting the EU’s commitment to investing in these areas.
Erasmus+ will provide opportunities for over 4 million Europeans to study, train, gain work experience and volunteer abroad. Erasmus+ will support transnational partnerships among Education, Training, and Youth institutions and organisations to foster cooperation and bridge the worlds of Education and work in order to tackle the skills gaps we are facing in Europe.

It will also support national efforts to modernise Education, Training, and Youth systems. In the field of Sport, there will be support for grassroots projects and cross-border challenges such as combating match-fixing, doping, violence and racism.

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This activity supports the professional development of youth workers, through the implementation of activities such as transnational/international seminars, training courses, contact-making events, study visits, etc. or job shadowing/observation periods abroad in an organisation active in the youth field.

For more information:

Erasmus+ Website:  

Erasmus + Programme Guide:  

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